

Mojalet Dance Collective

# Foot Steps



Summer 2006



## Globe trotting with the Collective

Our spring and summer were busy, and full of exciting adventures. In April, we had the opportunity to premier two sections from *The Requiem* at the Bel Air Presbyterian Church, accompanied by a 50 member choir.

It was an amazing feeling to dance in such a magnificent facility with all those voices singing behind us. Check out [www.mojalet.com](http://www.mojalet.com) for a video clip of that and more. We then moved on to the Quincy Tour in northern California, where we performed our Athletic Motion Educational Program in four different elementary schools for approximately 1,600 children throughout Plumas County.

*Forty in the Forties* was the theme for the opening performance and showing of Hope Smith's new work in The Studio Gallery on Friday night. The final



event was a concert in the Town Hall Theatre where we performed *Movin' On*, along with some favorite Repertory. We had great attendance at all events, with exciting support. Thank you Jane, Roxanne, and Hope for welcoming the company and creating such a great week in the mountains - we'll definitely be back!



Back home, The Garden Celebration, hosted at Tim and Sharon Kearin's home this May was extremely successful. Thank you for sharing such a wonderfully hosted event with us and spending time with the company and board of directors. It was our goal and pleasure to get to know our members better and make some new friends. We hope you can join us again next year. We ended this spring with The Mojalet Showcase; beautiful work created by dancers Erica Buechner and Sarah Feihler, as well as Faith. This opportunity allows students and company dancers to learn choreography by the director and present some of their own work at the same time. Thank you to Angela Amoroso and the Scripps Performing Arts Center where we are fortunate enough to enjoy company-in-residence status at such a lovely facility.

## Mojalet Invited to The Olten Tanzfestival, Switzerland

Europe in summer was beautiful!! We could have never imagined



how wonderful that trip would turn out. On our travels with Pat Sandback, Melissa Nunn, and seven members from The SDSU University Dance Company, we held two performances

in Konstanz, Germany at the Czerner Studio Theatre, one in Olten, Switzerland, hosted by Olten Tanztheatre, and one at the University in Zurich, Switzerland. Although the venues were small, all four performances were full houses with fantastic response to the work. Take a look at the translated review also posted on our website. We have been invited back for another similar tour in May 2007 with our SDSU friends. The BIG news is that Mojalet has been invited to dance in The Olten Tanzfestival on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006. We will open the entire festival with composer, Noby Lehmann, and Christoph Blattner, Reudi Maurer of Rhythm talk playing live for *Mantis* and *Pulse* (a new work provided by the composer). Faith's dream has always been to meet the composers who inspire her work. What a gift to be able to dance while they play live. Many thanks to Ursela Burger and Tanztheatre Olten for making this trip possible, and for the generous welcoming we had this summer. Looking forward to the winter!



June also marked a busy month with participation in the Mozart Festival - thanks to financial support from County Supervisor



Pam Slater-Price and the County of San Diego. An excerpt of *Mozart and More* was featured on a news segment with Kimberly King on 7/39, June 22, before heading to the Lyceum for a noon concert of our new work with Mozart and Bach (check out Pat Larner's review on the web site). That was sure fun! Later that evening, we headed up to Saint Paul's Cathedral for an extended performance of *Mozart and More*. Thank you to Canon Lief and the new supporters of Mojalet who attended the events and made financial contributions to support our efforts.

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October 7 Sunlight Dance Concert, Redlands, CA  
October 20-22 SDSU Studio Theatre  
World premier *Pulse*, and *Mantis* with music by Rhythm Talk.  
Full versions: *Distant Nights/Joyful Days*, and *The Requiem*

October 29 Bel Air Presbyterian Church  
Concert with Choir performing *The Requiem* and more

November 10 *Dancing Through The Pages* with Richard Lederer,  
co-host of *A Way With Words*, KPBS

November 16 Olten Tanzfestival, Switzerland

December, 9 Mojalet Showcase, Scripps Performing Arts Center  
Work by students, company members & Repertory By Faith Jensen-Ismay

December 10 Mojalet Christmas Party, Faith and Joe Ismay's, Poway

January 19 Progressive Steps, with Mojalet, SDSU University Dance Company,  
and students from Mission Hills High School

Feb. 24 Café Mojalet, Poway Community Center Auditorium

March 31 & Studio Showcase with Czerner Dance Company, Mojalet,  
and SDSU Dance Company with work by Patricia Sandback

April 1

*Do you have frequent flyer airline miles you don't know what to do with?  
Want to help Mojalet get to The Olten Tanzfestival in Switzerland this November?  
Donate frequent flyer vouchers towards company travel and help us get our feet off the ground!*

From *Globe Trotting with the Dance Collective*, you know that Mojalet has already made one successful trip to Europe this year. We need your help to make this second trip possible. Although we receive a small stipend for the performance in Olten, that will go towards basic expenses of putting on the performance. As always, we can use your monetary donations, but consider donating 25k or 50k mile frequent flyer vouchers that you never get to use!! Mojalet could put them to good use on your behalf.



To sum it up, we're hoping some of you have so many frequent flyer miles that you wouldn't mind donating some vouchers to help get 10 performers to Switzerland and back again, in November. We'd be so grateful for your assistance!

Interested in donating a voucher towards travel?  
Contact: [Faithis@cox.net](mailto:Faithis@cox.net) or [csionne@earthlink.net](mailto:csionne@earthlink.net)

As always, we couldn't do this without your support.  
*Thank You for Your Consideration!!*

*Thanks to our  
newest members:*

Clyde Christie  
Michael Sidley Evans  
Sue Herndon  
Rich Porter

Thank you to those  
who have recently  
renewed your  
memberships!! We  
appreciate your support!



*Special Thanks:*

Thanks and many kudos to Kairyn Borman for a truly professional and collaborative performance and fantastic workshop at The Church at Rancho Bernardo in July, what an awesome experience. Mojalet performed a few sections from *Distant Nights/Joyful Days*, and Faith had the opportunity to collaborate on new work with Sharon Kearin, Director of Soulscape Dance Company; *Fellowshippin' with Jesus*. Check out some wonderful new photos by Elazar: [www.elazarharel.com/mojalet](http://www.elazarharel.com/mojalet). His photos have also been the inspiration for a bit of new artwork by Hope Smith, more to come next spring!